

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING MAY 27, 2008

Chairperson S. Patamia called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

Flag Salute. The locations of the emergency exits were announced.

Present: Commission Members: S. Connington, T. Dennehy, J. Doniloski
T. Haynes, T. Mulligan, S. Patamia
Recreation Director: C. Johnson
Recreation Secretary: D. Tanzola

Absent: Commission Member: N. Healy

Public: Rich Varellie, VP Baseball (arrived at end of meeting)

Approval of April 22, 2008 Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2008 meeting was made by T. Mulligan and seconded by T. Dennehy. All in favor.

Correspondence:

1. Financial Update from J. Doherty, CFO, dated 5/15/08
2. Letter dated 5/7/08 from Spillane Engineering Associates regarding resurfacing of Centennial Park basketball court.

A motion to accept all correspondence was made by T. Haynes and seconded by S. Connington. All in favor.

Public: None

Chairperson/Director's Reports:

C. Johnson reported:

- She will meet with M. Spillane about the lake building.
- Morris Hills Freshmen Boys and Girls Soccer Teams requested use of Donatoni Field in the fall on weekdays from 4:00 pm. Rockaway Borough Soccer has no problem with this.
- Presented the list of summer employees. Applications are still coming in for park substitutes.
- Wharton American Legion Post 91 Baseball requested use of Donatoni Baseball Field on June 6 and June 23 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- Park registrations are trickling in. Park opens on June 24.
- Suggested raising other fees gradually over the years. Discussion followed.
- Recreation needs to find another way to do background checks. The Police Department cannot do it anymore. Discussion followed.

- She will give copies of the budgets to the Commissioners.
- Starting in July, Rockaway Twp. will pay for the port-a-johns at Park Lake. Each town will pay for one half year.

Old Business:

T. Dennehy and T. Haynes presented a draft of the Rockaway Borough Athletic Code of Conduct. Discussion followed. Revisions will be made and the new version will be E-mailed to the Commissioners. The Code of Conduct will be voted on at next month's meeting.

New Business:

S. Patamia requested a motion to approve the Use of Facility request from Wharton American Legion Post 91 Baseball to use Donatoni Baseball Field on June 6 and 23 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. A motion was made by T. Mulligan and seconded by T. Haynes. All in favor.

The request from Morris Hills Freshman Boys and Girls Soccer Teams to use Donatoni Field from September 12 thru October 28 for afternoon games at 4:00 pm was discussed. T. Haynes voiced concern over bare spots getting chewed up. They need to be reseeded. The Use of Facility Request Form is missing and must be filled out before this request can be formally voted on. C. Johnson will get the form to them.

Commissioner's Reports:

T. Mulligan reported that Friendship Field looks like it's in pretty good shape and can possibly be used in the fall. He asked that someone else inspect the field and give their opinion. S. Patamia will check it out.

T. Mulligan, T. Haynes and Rich Varelle, VP of Baseball discussed the condition of the dugouts at Smith Field. The first base dugout roof continues to sag worse and worse each year. Although this has been included in the Field Reports year-after-year, there has been no real response from the town to get it fixed. He stated that Little League has members who are engineers, carpenters, and roofers who will volunteer their skills and time to fix the roof at the end of the season. Would this be possible? S. Patamia said she will discuss the situation with J. Rossi and get back to T. Mulligan. T. Mulligan and T. Haynes stated that the DPW support has been great this year.

T. Mulligan reported that he and C. Johnson coordinated Women's Softball field availability. C. Johnson stated that field usage has been resolved.

T. Mulligan and T. Haynes discussed the puddling on the small field (behind short and second) at Donatoni Field. S. Patamia will have the DPW check it out.

T. Mulligan requested that garbage cans be placed in the bathrooms at Donatoni Field.

Vouchers:

Voucher #	Vendor	Account	Amount
19820	D. Lovenberg's Portable Toilet Rental	Misc.	\$ 106.00
19857	Tomahawk Lake, Inc.	Summer Program	30.00
19855	Winning Team by Nissel	Jr. Baseball	560.00
19854	Rockaway Borough Babe Ruth	Jr. Babe Ruth	1,213.54
19853	Rockaway Borough Babe Ruth	Sr. Babe Ruth	517.55
TOTAL			\$2,427.09

A motion to approve the vouchers was made by J. Doniloski and seconded by T. Mulligan. All in favor.

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Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by T. Haynes and seconded by S. Connington. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Debbie Tanzola
Recreation Secretary*